

MR. PRESIDENT,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

DURING RECENT DAYS YOU HAVE HAD OCCASION TO DISCUSS SOME QUESTIONS OF COMMON INTEREST, DESPITE THE SOMETIMES CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PROFESSIONS OR GROUPS OF PROFESSIONS YOU BELONG TO.

THIS KIND OF UNITY IN THE MIDST OF DIVERSITY IS A REFLECTION OF WHAT IS OCCURRING IN THE WORLD TODAY.

ENGAGING IN DIALOGUE IN ORDER TO UNDERLINE THE POINTS WE HOLD IN COMMON, TO PROTECT COMMON INTERESTS THAT TRANSCEND DIFFERENCES BETWEEN EXTERNAL SITUATIONS, AND SEEKING TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL CONDITION OF MANKIND ON THE BASIS OF THE THINGS WE HAVE IN COMMON IS ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

YOU ARE HELPING TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD PEACE, AND THE UNION THAT YOU HAVE CREATED HERE IN MONTREAL IS BOTH GROUNDS FOR HOPE AND PROOF OF A BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE.

LET ME ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONGRATULATE MR. JEAN N. PICARD, YOUR PRESIDENT-ELECT, AND OFFER HIM MY BEST WISHES AS HE BEGINS HIS TERM OF OFFICE.

I TRUST THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND TIME FOR A TOUR OF OUR FINE CITY DURING YOUR STAY HERE.

TO THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE LEAVING, I HOPE THAT WE HAVE MADE YOU FEEL AT HOME.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE.